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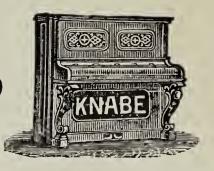
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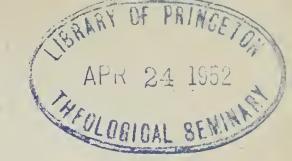
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### CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

#### FIRST DAY-AFTERNOON SESSION.

Penbrook, Pa., September 25, 1895.

THE East Pennsylvania Annual Conference met in its ninety-sixth session in the United Brethren church at Penbrook, Pennsylvania, September 25, 1895.

Bishop J. S. Mills, D.D., Ph.D., of Eugene, Oregon, called the Conference to order at 2 p.m. The Conference sang "A charge to keep I have," after which prayer was offered by G. W. M. Rigor. "Come, thou Fount of every blessing" was then sung. Bishop Mills read the sixtieth chapter of Isaiah, and led in a fervent prayer.

The roll was called, and forty-three ministers and twenty-four lay delegates answered to their names.

The bar of the Conference was fixed so as to comprise the first six seats across the church.

The provisional program provided for the sessions of Conference was adopted.

On motion the secretaries of last year were reëlected—Z. A. Weidler Recording Secretary, and E. A. G. Bossler Statistical Secretary. Ex-Bishop J. Dickson was elected Chairman.

Master Jerome Shaffer was recognized as page of the Conference.

The time of opening and closing the sessions was fixed at 8:30 A.M. and 2 P.M., and adjourn on motion.

An honorable dismissal from the Church and Conference was granted to Horace G. Clair.

Persons were appointed to correspond with the following papers, as follows: Lebanon papers, G. L. Shaeffer; Reading Eagle and Middletown papers, H. D. Lehman; Harrisburg Star and Independent, M. E. Bachman; Harrisburg Telegraph, J. X. Quigley; Harrisburg Patriot, H. M. Miller; Lancaster papers, H. E. Steinmetz; Philadelphia Press, U. S. G. Renn; Philadelphia Inquirer, George F. Bierman.

The Bishop then appointed the following committees:

#### CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

On Devotion—H. T. Denlinger, D. D. Lowery, and J. A. Knupp. Candidates for the Ministry and Credentials—J. A. Lyter, S. C. Enck, and J. G. Smoker.

Boundaries and Finance—D. D. Lowery, H. B. Dohner, M. A. Salt, U. S. G. Renn, C. H. Young, J. G. Stehman, and J. V. Snader. Missions—H. C. Phillips.

Church-Erection-M. J. Mumma.

Publishing Interests-E. Ludwick.

Education-E. A. G. Bossler.

Sunday Schools—C. J. Kephart.

Young People's Christian Union-H. D. Lehman.

Temperance—M. A. Salt.

Sabbath Observance—A. L. Shannon.

The special treasurers of the Conference were appointed, as follows:

#### TREASURERS OF CONFERENCE FUNDS.

Conference Collection-K. R. Kramer.

Educational Beneficiary Fund-S. G. Kauffman.

Union Biblical Seminary-H. B. Dohner.

Sunday-School General Fund-J. A. Lyter.

College Funds-G. F. Bierman.

Missionary—S. L. Swartz.

Contingent Fund—J. X. Quigley.

Church-Extension and Erection-C. B. Rettew.

Preachers' Aid—Jos. Young.

E. O. Burtner and M. M. Weber, being recommended by their quarterly conferences, were, on motion, referred to the Committee on Applicants.

On motion adjourned, with benediction by Bishop Mills.

#### SECOND DAY-MORNING SESSION.

SEPTEMBER 26, 1895.

Conference convened at 8:30 A.M. Devotional exercises were conducted by Wm. Beach.

The roll was called and thirty-four ministers and twentyone lay delegates were present.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

- C. W. Hutsler was appointed to correspond for the Harrisburg Evening News, and P. G. Shoop for the Morning Call.
- Revs. J. P. Anthony, W. J. Houck, and A. B. Mower, of Pennsylvania Conference, C. I. B. Brane, of Maryland Conference, H. T. Denlinger, of Allegheny Conference, and W. L. Richardson, of Tennessee Conference, were admitted to advisory seats.
- S. L. Rhoads, being recommended by his quarterly conference, was referred to the Committee on Applicants.

The names of ministers not having charges were called and their characters passed, as follows: P. E. Dietrich, D. S. Early, G. W. Enders, D. S. Eshelman, S. D. Faust, J. B. Funk, I. M. Groff, A. H. Kauffman, J. H. Kurtz, E. Light, S. L. Minnick, S. Mower, J. X. Quigley, G. W. M. Rigor, H. U. Roop, H. B. Spayd, M. B. Spayd, J. G. Steiner, S. L. Swartz, J. H. Unger, Joseph Young, and S. Zimmerman.

The following names were referred to the Committee on Grievances: A. M. Hackman, H. V. Mohn, and J. F. Mower.

The name of Dr. J. W. Etter, who died during the year, was referred to the Committee on Memoirs.

A. R. Ayers, of the Pennsylvania Conference, W. H. Uhler, S. S. Daugherty, and M. H. Jones, of the East German Conference, were admitted to advisory seats.

The report of the Presiding Elder, D. D. Lowery, was read and approved, as follows:

#### REPORT OF PRESIDING ELDER.

To the Presiding Bishop and Members of the East Pennsylvania Conference in Session at Penbrook, Pennsylvania, Greeting:

My Dear Brethren: It affords me great pleasure that, through the gracious providence of an all-wise, long-suffering God, I am permitted to submit to you this, my second annual report, as your servant in the eldership of the Conference district.

During the year one of our number, in the ministerial ranks of this Conference, Rev. J. W. Etter, D.D., who in former years met with us regularly in annual conference session, but who several years ago was called by the Church to serve her at different periods in various capacities of her general interests, was taken from us in the midst of his labors to his reward by Him who doeth all things well. With this single exception the ministerial roll stands as it stood one year ago; and the delegates who were in attendance then, representing their respective charges, have all been spared to the Church. However, the shadow of sorrow darkened the homes of Revs. U. S. G. Renn and M. A. Salt, who each buried a child during the year.

Religious Condition.—While the revival effort of the past year has not had the measure of success or been as fruitful in conversions and accessions to the membership of the Church as the year preceding, the results, although not visibly so large, are not by any means to be despised. If not so encouraging in the number of conversions and accessions, there has nevertheless been substantial work done and the improved spirituality of the churches is very manifest.

I have observed a freer spirit of liberality in support of the various interests of the Church, a more willing self-denial, and a deeper and more intelligent devotion to the cause of Christ, all of which are

significant of the growth of the individual membership into a better and more vigorous Christian experience; and in this also I find the certain prophecy of better and greater things yet to be realized. From this altitude of a noble, consecrated Christian life, to which I trust many of our brethren have attained, we may well look forward with confidence to the coming conference year and expect unusual manifestations of divine power to attend the consecrated ministry of the pulpit and the self-denying devotion of the pew.

Material Growth. - A few slight repairs were made here and there on churches and parsonages, but excepting the building of a church at Pleasant Hill I have nothing further to report of improvement in this direction. Some time ago our people at Pleasant Hill, on the outskirts of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, greatly in need of a house of worship, under the leadership of Rev. S. L. Rhoads as their pastor commenced the erection of a very neat frame church, which is now in process of completion and will be ready for dedication in a short time. The building when finished will cost about two thousand dollars. Our people at Intercourse have started a subscription list for the building of a new church. should by no means fail, as they very much need a better building. In my last year's report I referred quite at length to the Royalton church, which was completed a little more than one year ago. It has been in a very precarious condition all year. The fact of the matter is that our brethren at Royalton loaded themselves with a burden of indebtedness which they have been unable to bear, and in consequence of this the property, a fine brick structure, has gone under the sheriff's control, and but for the faithfulness and persistent determination of the pastor, Rev. P. A. Bowman, would have been sold ere this. He succeeded, however, in delaying the execution for the immediate present, and so the matter now stands. This important interest should be further considered during this session of Conference.

New Organizations.—Several Young People's Christian Unions and local Woman's missionary societies were organized, and on Royalton charge the pastor, Rev. P. A. Bowman, opened a new appointment at Shock's Mills, where he preached statedly during the year. There is to be seen in this vigorous young appointment the promise of a strong church in the near future.

Conventions.—Again we regret to report that no Sunday-school convention nor ministerial institute was held, which failure was

owing to the fact that no proper place could be found in all respects agreeable for the entertainment of these important gatherings. Let me suggest that arrangements be made at some time during the session of this Conference for the time and place of holding next year's Sunday-school convention and ministerial institute, and, giving all the ministers and delegates a voice in this matter, we shall be able to select a suitable place for these assemblies without any difficulty.

The convention of the Young People's Christian Union at Derry Street, Harrisburg, last November, was a large and enthusiastic gathering and the good results of that convention were felt over the entire district throughout the year.

Our faithful, busy sisters of the Woman's Missionary Society held their annual branch meeting at Columbia, Pennsylvania, during the third week in April, 1895. A large delegation was in attendance, and the reports indicated a degree of prosperity not equaled by that of any previous year.

Camp and Woods Meetings.—Without any exception the campmeeting held at Mt. Gretna, Pennsylvania, August 6-15, 1895, was the largest and most successful of any that has yet been held at that place. This camp is rapidly growing in the number of cottages erected year after year, and in the increasing strength and influence of the association. Because of it we are better and more favorably known as a church throughout this part of the State than we were ever known before, and, of course, this favorable impression must continue to grow so long as we continue to move forward at the present rate of prosperity.

Sea Grove Camp at Cape May Point, New Jersey, an association entirely independent of Conference control—that is to say, not identified with or held for the special benefit of any particular Conference—was the largest in point of attendance, and, it has been said, the best, in its history. This camp-meeting will no doubt become more and more successful each year.

The usual circuit camp-meeting was also held at Hilldale, on the Fishburn charge, August 17-23, 1895. Unable to be present myself, Rev. L. R. Kramer, in connection with the pastor, Rev. W. W. Fridinger, conducted the affairs of the camp. The brethren reported a large attendance at this camp-meeting, with excellent results in its moral and spiritual character.

A woods meeting was held on the Intercourse charge, and one at Neffsville, on Lancaster Circuit.

The Conference Missions.—Philadelphia Mt. Pisgah, Pottstown, Mont Clare, and Liberty received missionary aid during the year. An appropriation was also made to Reading Boehm to help in the support of the pastor of that congregation, but no pastor having been appointed, the appropriation has not been paid. The indications of our Mt. Pisgah Mission in Philadelphia were never so favorable as to-day, under the faithful pastoral care of Rev. H. C. Phillips. But the time is now surely upon us when something must immediately be done to place ourselves upon a more permanent basis if we hope to remain and build up a strong congregation in that great city. There is undoubtedly a grand opening for us there if we wisely take hold of it in the right way. I made it one of my chief concerns to learn all that was to be known about the prospects of our work there, and I am prepared to say that, from the best information that could be obtained by personal observation and in consultation with men who thoroughly understand the situation, we need but do the right thing in location and the erection of a building that will have upon it the mark of permanency and progressive enterprise, and our hold upon the people there will be firm, and our early success will be as-This must be done, or we might as well cease operations there. But certainly we will not do the latter. We are not ready to shake the dust off our feet at this opportune time and take our departure from Philadelphia, a place than which, for various good reasons, there is no better mission field for our Church in all this country.

Personal Work.—I have sought conscientiously to perform all the duties of my office, and whether my work has been satisfactorily and faithfully done the Lord and my brethren must judge. Aside from the usual routine of a presiding elder's work I have had extra cares thrust upon me, of which I shall now give a brief report.

Difficulties began to confront me at the very beginning of the year, immediately after the adjournment of Annual Conference last October. The Lebanon Trinity case is so well known throughout the Conference and the Church that I need only briefly advert to it here. The occasion giving rise to the difficulty there, the spirit and conduct of those in opposition to the authorities of the Church and to the principles involved in our polity and the law governing the appointment of pastors; the stand taken by me in seeking to maintain the honor and principles of our Church, in which Rev. Z. A. Weidler, the appointee as pastor to Lebanon Trinity Church of the

last Annual Conference, was associated with me, need no special mention in detail. But the settlement that was finally reached upon the basis of the law, with the withdrawal of Dr. R. Rock, and his confession of trespass; the promise of the representatives of the part of the Trinity congregation adhering to him to submit to the action of the Annual Conference now in session in the appointment of a pastor to their church, as we certainly understood it; the acknowledgment by them of Rev. Z. A. Weidler as the proper and lawful pastor of Trinity Church, so recognizing, in all their admissions and acknowledgments, the righteousness of the law for which we had been contending—these things it seemed highly important for me to mention thus clearly for the correct information of those who have been laboring under wrong impressions. In view of all this, and for the sake of harmony in the Trinity congregation, Rev. Z. A. Weidler resigned his pastoral charge of Trinity Church to me in the month of August, and I have not since appointed a pastor for the congregation, but I have been looking after their interest by giving them pulpit supplies. If I am asked how the Trinity case now stands, I answer that I am here on the assumption that it stands as it stood on the day of settlement, and that the congregation there is ready to abide by the terms of that settlement.

Since writing the foregoing, I am sorry, brethren, to tell you that I have been grievously disappointed. These men of Lebanon Trinity were here yesterday to express it as their purpose not to abide by the terms of settlement as commonly understood and accepted by us. Of course, we have had heavy expense owing to the unhappy condition of things at Lebanon. This matter will be presented to you at another time and in different form.

We received intimation already before the adjournment of our last Annual Conference of the possible failure of Reading Boehm Church. Then for the first time my eyes were opened to the real condition of things at that point. Let me say here, candidly, that from the reports made to the quarterly conference and at the Annual Conference I did not have a correct impression as to the financial status of that congregation. It had always been reported that the church, then already in course of erection, was being built on the "pay as you go plan," quoting their own phraseology. But the fact developed afterwards that this was not the case, and that instead there was very little paid on the church, and on the conference floor last year we were threatened indirectly with foreclosure. The Sta-

tioning Committee under existing conditions, as they were represented, did not see proper to make an appointment of a pastor to that place, but in their report left it open to be supplied. I was officially informed a few days after conference that if we (the Conference) did not help them in the payment of pressing claims to the extent of between one and two thousand dollars, the church, as yet at that time only a partial wall, would have to be forfeited by sheriff's sale. I made the necessary inquiry and found matters no better than they had been represented. They, not I, appointed Rev. H. V. Mohn as the pastor of Boehm Church, and since they were determined in their purpose to recognize him as their pastor, notwithstanding the irregularity of their action, and at the first quarterly conference positively and unanimously refused to transact business under any other conditions, I therefore have not since given them official recognition. Recently, however, I wrote to one of the official members of that congregation stating that I had received intimation that they were ready to place themselves in harmony with the principles of our Church relative to this matter and that, if this were true, they should inform me of it and I would gladly accord them the recognition which I had been reluctantly withholding from them. To this communication I received no answer. And so I report them still in a state of disobedience to the order and Discipline of the Church, and Rev. H. V. Mohn, a member of this Conference, associated with that congregation in their present attitude, amenable here for his actions.

And now, brethren, I have already kept you too long. Just one word more, and I shall have done. Our Church is looking forward. Demands are upon us to-day, and are becoming more imperative every day, for a higher qualification in the ministry and for better support of the ministry. We must meet this demand if we are to live and prosper as a church. The laity everywhere are asking us for the appointment of pastors who, according to their description of them, must be men of deep spirituality and of fine mental culture. Brethren in the ministry, shall we seek to measure up to this demand? There is only one answer we can give: we must, if we would continue to be useful in our high calling. Brethren in the laity, in order that the ministry may qualify themselves to meet the demands you make upon them, will you be ready to give them the necessary support in salary, in coöperation, in loyalty, and so place our Church in the front rank of the aggressive

Christian activity of this day? There is only one answer you can give: you must, if you want the high type of intelligent Christian manhood in the pastor you demand. We are inevitably moving in that direction. Let none be lagging behind in the onward progress of the Church.

I realize that the Lord has wonderfully preserved me in life and health, for which I am most devoutly thankful to him to-day. I felt sometimes that the duties and extraordinary responsibilities that came upon me during the year were almost more than I could bear. But God's grace was sufficient, and he who careth for us has helped me through it all. This, together with your kindness to me, your constant coöperation with me in the work, the encouraging expressions of appreciation by you from time to time, have made my work and association with you in the Master's service, notwithstanding the apparent unpleasantness here and there, most enjoyable and agreeable. Invoking the divine blessing upon you and upon this session of the Annual Conference, I am

Your humble servant in the gospel,

D. D. LOWERY, Presiding Elder.

The hearing of reports and passing the characters of the ministers having charges was commenced, and the following passed: M. J. Mumma, A. R. Myers, J. W. Boughter, A. A. Long, Wm. Beach, A. L. Shannon, W. W. Fridinger, J. F. Smith, H. M. Miller, Thomas Garland, C. W. Hutsler, J. R. Meredith, L. R. Kramer, S. G. Kauffman, M. M. Weber, J. P. Miller, E. A. G. Bossler, and Z. A. Weidler.

The Lebanon Trinity Church case was discussed very fully by the following brethren: Z. A. Weidler, A. D. Bechtel, D. D. Lowery, J. R. Meredith, and H. J. Roop, after which the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That East Pennsylvania Conference recognize the official board and quarterly conference organized and recognized by the Presiding Elder at Lebanon Trinity Church as the legal officiary of the charge.

Rev. W. J. Shuey, of the Publishing House, and Ex-Bishop J. Dickson were admitted to advisory seats.

Reports were received from Prof. J. A. Grier and W. E. Johnson, who are serving charges in the Conference but are not members of the same.

On motion adjourned, with benediction by J. R. Meredith.

#### SECOND DAY — AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened at 2 P.M.

Devotional exercises were conducted by H. F. McNelly.

Letters were read from C. C. Bell, S. L. Minnick, and E. Light.

The following resolution was presented by H. B. Dohner relative to Union Biblical Seminary, and adopted:

#### UNION BIBLICAL SEMINARY.

We regard Union Biblical Seminary at Dayton, Ohio, as an absolute necessity for the Church and rejoice in the work it is doing and the progress it is making, and we most earnestly advise all contemplating the work of the ministry in the United Brethren Church to take a course therein.

We most heartily approve the action of the Board and the plans of the General Manager for the observance of the Quarter-Centennial Anniversary and will do what we can to make the same a success.

To this end the Presiding Elder and pastors are requested to provide for and hold appropriate exercises in as many of our churches as possible during the year and see that all of our people are given an opportunity and urged to contribute something to this fund.

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be and is hereby instructed to make the assessments to the several charges aggregate the amount apportioned to the Conference under disciplinary provisions, and that every pastor be urged to collect the full amount assessed to his charge.

J. R. Meredith and J. P. Miller were appointed an Auditing Committee.

The report on Temperance was read by M. A. Salt, and after a paper by S. C. Enck and addresses by C. J. Kephart and M. A. Salt, the report was adopted.

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

There is nothing that so affects human society as intemperance. What is there so demoralizing as drunkenness? What name is infamous enough to apply to this evil?

We have in the liquor traffic that which retards civilization. It has greatly interfered with the progress of the gospel of the Son of God at home and counteracted the efforts of missionaries in foreign lands, where evil-disposed persons have effected its introduction simultaneously with the gospel. How utterly helpless and wretched men become under its degrading influence. It is not satisfied until it has accomplished the ruin of its prey, intellectually, morally, socially, and physically.

Bishop Foss says: "The victory of temperance will not come till the roused conscience of the church demands it, and every pulpit in the land shall ring with total abstinence and prohibition. If this victory shall be gained by blood, I know not. Blood shed in this cause will be as holy as blood shed in any other."

Joseph Cook says: "Constitutional prohibition should be made an issue in State and national politics. I favor the measure in both fields. If it can be adopted without the formation of a third party, all well; if not, then we must have it through a third party."

Express and railroad companies recognize the fact that men in their employ who indulge in strong drink are not in a condition to do business with a clear brain and with unbefogged eyes. Therefore they have prohibited them from living or boarding where liquors are sold.

Resolved, 1. That we, as a Conference, indorse the action of some railroad and express companies in not keeping in their employ any person who is known to use intoxicating liquors or frequent gambling or other places of low resort.

- 2. That we recognize in the Personal Liberty League a new form of organized effort for the destruction of the Christian Sabbath and the enthronement of the saloon. Therefore we will offset it by our vote at the ballot box, and thus secure our heritage of civil and religious freedom.
  - 3. That we highly commend the work done by the Woman's

Christian Temperance Union in presenting the Polyglot Petition to the different governments of the world, with millions of names of indorsement, asking them to prevent the granting of licenses for the sale of alcohol, tobacco, opium, and all forms of social vice; that we, as ministers and laymen, will support those noble women in their work.

- 4. That none but pure unfermented juice of the grape be used in administering the Lord's supper.
- 5. That as ministers of the East Pennsylvania Conference we will not countenance tippling in our respective congregations. Any brother who frequents saloons for the purpose of drinking, shall be dealt with according to Discipline governing immoral conduct, if after prayer and admonition there is no reformation.
- 6. That as ministers and laymen of this Conference, we will not aid, by voice, means, or vote, any person or party that is not uncompromisingly committed to the overthrow of the liquor traffic.
- 7. That drunkenness is not only a crime but a disease, growing worse and worse, until death has claimed its victims, and hell its prey. Therefore,

We recognize in the Keeley Cure, whose institution is located in Harrisburg. Pennsylvania, a grand system of treatment in curing the disease of inebriety, and restoring a vitiated appetite to a normal condition. We will aid in organizing Keeley Leagues and Women's Auxiliaries.

8. That we congratulate the citizens of Penbrook in not having a saloon in their midst, and we pray God that the time will never come when this fair borough will be cursed by a despotic, unscrupulous, and unrelenting enemy, namely, the liquor traffic, protected by the laws of Dauphin County.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. SALT, Committee.

The second topic on the program, Sabbath Observance, was presented in a report by A. L. Shannon, followed with addresses by G. L. Shaeffer, C. W. Hutsler, A. L. Shannon, M. J. Mumma, C. J. Kephart, E. Ludwick, and M. L. Beck.

The report was then amended by striking out the last item and adopted.

#### REPORT ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

"Sabbath in the Hebrew language signifies rest, and is the seventh day of the week, a day appointed for religious duties and a total cessation from work in commemoration of God's resting on the seventh day and likewise in memory of the redemption of the Israelites from Egyptian bondage."

Under the Christian dispensation the Sabbath is changed from the seventh to the first day of the week.

As the seventh day was observed by the Jewish church in memory of the resting of God after the work of creation and of their deliverance from Pharaoh's tyranny, so the first day of the week has always been observed by the Christian church in memory of Christ's resurrection.

As the Sabbath is a divine institution, it is to be kept holy unto the Lord; hence the fourth commandment is ushered in with peculiar emphasis: "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy" (Ex. 20:8).

Whereas, The keeping holy of the Lord's day is essential to the very existence and perpetuity of our nation, and it becomes us as Christian men, and especially as ministers of the gospel of Jesus Christ, to stand upon our watch-towers and give the needed note of warning, as we see the enemies of the Sabbath approaching, that the people may take heed to the incoming evil and learn the true nature, the real value, and the divine sanction of this holy day; and,

WHEREAS, The keeping of this holy day is essential to the well-being of the individual, the family, the church, the nation, and the world, to the best interests of man in this life and to the higher interest of his soul in the life which is to come; and,

Whereas, If the Sabbath day were properly observed in all our homes there would be no question concerning its observance by corporations and those who represent our nation, the truth of the matter being that the influences which contribute to the desecration of the Sabbath day derive their efficiency and power from the fact that in too many of our Christian homes throughout the land the sanctity of this day is not regarded; therefore, in view of the above facts,

Resolved, 1. That we heartily co-operate with every movement and organization that tends to preserve the holy sanctity of the Sabbath.

2. That we, the pastors of East Pennsylvania Conference, in or-

der to bring this question properly before our people, pledge ourselves to preach during the year at least four sermons on Sabbath observance on our various fields of labor.

- 3. That we endorse the worthy action of the delegates of the Boston Christian Endeavor Convention in their refusing to patronize Sunday street-cars.
- 4. That we protest against the running of Sunday street-cars and Sunday railroad trains, and the traveling on them; and that we regard this, with the publishing and circulating of Sunday newspapers, buying and selling, doing secular work, and engaging in worldly amusements, as a violation of the fourth commandment and the laws of our land.
- 5. That we rejoice in the excellent work that is being done by all Sabbath associations, and pray God's blessings to crown their efforts with abundant success.
- A. R. Ayres, of the Pennsylvania Conference, representing the Cumberland Valley Sunday-School Association, made an address.

The Bishop then appointed the following committees:

On Grievances—J. R. Meredith, G. L. Shaeffer, C. W. Hutsler. On Memoirs—Prof. S. D. Faust, D.D.

The hearing of reports was then resumed and the following were received and the characters of the ministers passed: J. B. Daugherty, C. G. F. Miller, S. C. Enck, N. A. Kiracofe, G. F. Bierman, J. G. Smoker, J. A. Lyter, G. L. Shaeffer, Geo. Cavenaugh, M. A. Salt, U. S. G. Renn, M. E. Bachman, H. C. Phillips, J. M. Shelly, H. D. Lehman, P. A. Bowman, E. Ludwick, Wm. M. Goodwin, and H. F. McNelly.

Reports were received from C. I. B. Brane, H. T. Denlinger, and S. L. Rhoads, who have charges in the Conference, but are not members of it.

On motion the wisdom of receiving a report from Boehm Church, Reading, was referred to a committee.

H. B. Dohner made a short report of his work as financial agent for Union Biblical Seminary and his character was passed.

C. J. Kephart, General Secretary of the Pennsylvania Sabbath-School Association, made a brief report of his work and his character was passed. Leave of absence was also granted to him for to-morrow.

Revs. F. L. Kerr, of the German Reformed Church, J. W. Deshong and E. B. Price, of the Church of God, were introduced to Conference.

Rev. Z. A. Colestock, of the Pennsylvania Conference, was admitted to an advisory seat.

On motion adjourned, with benediction by Ex-Bishop J. Dickson.

#### THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

SEPTEMBER 27, 1895.

Conference convened at 8:30 A.M.

Devotional exercises were conducted by L. R. Kramer.

On motion the resolution referring to the report of Boehm United Brethren Church, Reading, Pennsylvania, was reconsidered and amended as follows: That the report of Boehm Church, Reading, be referred to the Conference Church-Extension Society.

Rev. W. L. Richardson, of Tennessee Conference, made a comprehensive statement of the work of the United Brethren Church in East Tennessee, and the special work of the Church in Lenoir, Tennessee. He was followed in corroborative statements by Rev. W. J. Shuey, of the Publishing House, after which \$184.10 was secured in cash and subscriptions, most of it cash.

On motion it was ordered that the Royalton church be referred to the Church-Extension Society for consideration and be reported at some time during this session of Conference.

The Committee on Boundaries reported as follows, the report being adopted:

#### REPORT ON BOUNDARIES.

We, your Committee on Boundaries, would submit the following:

- 1. That there be only one Presiding Elder district.
- 2. That Bishop's appointment be detached from Fishburn Circuit and attached to Florin Station.
- 3. That Marietta Station be dissolved; that Ironville appointment be attached to Chestnut Grove Circuit, and that Marietta appointment be attached to Royalton Station.
  - 4. That Mont Clare be attached to Pottstown Mission.
- 5. That Ruhl's appointment be detached from Chestnut Grove Circuit, and be attached to Manheim Station.
  - 6. That the other charges remain as they are.

Respectfully submitted,

D. D. LOWERY,
H. B. DOHNER,
M. A. SALT,
C. H. YOUNG,
JONAS STEHMAN,
U. S. G. RENN,

Committee.

D. D. Lowery was reëlected Presiding Elder.

On motion a third person was requested on the Stationing Committee, to which H. B. Dohner was elected.

The Committee on Applicants presented their report, which was read and adopted, as follows:

#### REPORT ON APPLICANTS.

We, your Committee on Applicants, beg leave to make the following report:

- M. M. Weber appeared before us, and we examined him thoroughly as per Discipline and found him clear in doctrine. We therefore respectfully recommend him for license to preach.
- S. L. Rhoads also appeared before us, and we examined him thoroughly as per Discipline and found him only fairly clear on doctrine. However, we recommend him for license to preach.
- E. O. Burtner, student in Union Biblical Seminary, appeared before J. P. Landis, D.D., Professor in Hebrew and Old Testament Theology of Union Biblical Seminary, who in a letter states that

Brother Burtner's answers were clear, his definitions accurate, and his views in harmony with our Confession of Faith. We therefore respectfully recommend him for license to preach.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. LYTER,

J. G. SMOKER,

S. C. ENCK,

Committee.

The Committee on First Year's Course of Reading presented the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT ON FIRST YEAR'S COURSE OF READING.

We, your Committee on First Year's Course of Reading, beg leave to offer the following report. There appeared before the committee Revs. C. G. F. Miller, W. W. Fridinger, and H. U. Roop with the following results:

Applicants.	Dogmatics.	Homiletics.	Biblical History.	Companion to the Bible.	Great Commission.	Principles of Rhetoric.	Life of Otterbein.	Sermon.	Confession of Faith.	Average Grade.
C. G. F. Miller	1	1½	1	1	1	1½	11/2	$2\frac{1}{2}$	ĺ	11/3
W. W. Fridinger	$2\frac{1}{2}$	21/2	2	3	2	21/2	1	3	2	25
H. U. Roop	11/4	1	1	1½	*******	1	1½	13/4	1	11/4

We therefore recommend that these brethren be passed to the second year's course of reading.

Respectfully submitted,

E. LUDWICK,

H. D. LEHMAN,

G. L. SHAEFFER, Committee.

The following report of Conference Sunday-School Treasurer was adopted:

#### REPORT OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL GENERAL FUND.

DEAR BRETHREN: Your treasurer of the Sunday-School General Fund begs leave to report as follows: Amount assessed to various charges as per chart, \$246; amount received from various charges, \$196; deficit for year, \$50; amount received over last year, \$39.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. LYTER, Treasurer.

G. W. M. Rigor presented the following resolutions relative to the decease of Rev. J. W. Perry, of the Parkersburg Conference:

#### 'REV. JOHN W. PERRY.

WHEREAS, Rev. John W. Perry, a pioneer preacher and honored member of the Parkersburg Annual Conference, and since the spring of 1889 a resident of Philadelphia within the bounds of this Conference, during which time he was sorely and severely afflicted for over six years, departed this life on the 21st of September, 1895; therefore

Resolved, 1. That this Conference hereby expresses its condolence to the bereaved family and assures them of its sympathy with them in their bereavement.

2. That the Secretary of the Conference furnish the family of our deceased brother a copy of these resolutions.

The report on Sabbath Schools, read on the previous evening, was adopted.

#### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Of the value of the Sunday school as an agency for instruction, evangelization, and spiritual upbuilding, we are all convinced. Of the possibility of its being improved so as to accomplish vastly greater results than have been realized we need no argument. That which concerns or should concern us most of all is

#### How to Realize These Ends.

In the way of an answer to this inquiry you will allow a statement of what seem to be the greatest needs of the Sunday school. They are: (1) better organization; (2) better superintendence; (3) better teaching; (4) the fuller blessing of God upon the work done. There are other needs, but these stand out in greatest prominence—but these are the needs most evident. If inquiry be made as to which of these are the greatest the answer must be, better teaching and the fuller blessing of God.

As it seems to your committee, the specific duty of the church in relation to Sunday-school work is, to secure as speedily as possible the nearest approach to the practical supplying of these needs.

The fact that more than four millions of the people of Pennsylvania, and about fifty-five millions of the population of the United States, are outside the Protestant Sunday schools of the State and nation may cause us to think that our first duty is to gather in these millions. The greater duty is to improve the Sunday school so that those now in may be held, and that those outside can be awakened to an interest because of what the Sunday school is. How may we secure this needed improvement? How can we secure in the Sunday schools of East Pennsylvania Conference better organization, better superintendency, better teaching, the fuller blessing of God?

Allow a few suggestions:

- 1. Enlist the pastors, superintendents, and teachers, to secure and study more of the excellent literature of the day upon these subjects, and when studied, to put the principles learned in practice individually.
- 2. Enlist the pastors, superintendents, and teachers in establishing and maintaining Sunday-school normal classes for the pursuit of the course of study furnished by the Bible Normal Union; also in establishing and maintaining teachers' training classes for the preparation of teachers for the future.
- 3. Enlist pastors, superintendents, and teachers in establishing and maintaining teachers' meetings for the study of the Sunday-school lessons with a view to teaching and learning the best methods of teaching the same, and for the consideration of the work and needs of the school and classes, and the best method of meeting them.
- 4. Enlist pastors, superintendents, and teachers in the discussion of practical Sunday-school topics in the ministerial and Sunday-school institutes and conventions of the Conference, and in putting the ideas there gained into practical application.
  - 5. Enlist our pastors, superintendents, and teachers in coöperat-

ing practically with the Pennsylvania State Sabbath-School Association and with our own various county associations in their efforts to solve these same problems, and in putting the ideas there gained into practical application in their own work.

6. Enlist pastors, superintendents, teachers, and scholars in devout consecration to God and in earnest prayer that the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth and power may come upon every worker, that the work done and the truth received may result in increased fruitage.

Consciously loyal to our own beloved Zion in all departments of her work, and seeing the necessity of proving our loyalty by our actions,

- Resolved, 1. That we hereby express ourselves as well pleased with the Sunday-school literature issued by our Publishing House, and urge our people to secure and use the same in all of the Sunday schools of the Conference.
- 2. That we are in full sympathy with our General Sunday-School Board in their effort to promote Sunday-school work throughout the Church, and therefore we willingly accept the assessment laid upon our Conference in harmony with the action of the General Conference, and will apportion the same to our respective fields of labor, and, as ministers and laymen in conference assembled, do individually promise to make diligent effort to have this assessment reported in full one year hence.

The manner of securing the money due the College by this Conference was referred to the following committee: H. E. Steinmetz, C. W. Hutsler, J. R. Meredith. The money accruing from the Widow Snyder donation was ordered to be paid to Mrs. Clemm.

The following ministers were admitted to advisory seats in the Conference: Revs. John H. Young, J. C. Gardner, E. S. Bowman, B. F. Daugherty, Joseph Daugherty, of the Pennsylvania Conference; Rev. J. M Wagner, of the Church of God; Rev. M. L. Tate, of the Lutheran Church.

On motion adjourned, with benediction by Rev. W. L. Richardson.

#### THIRD DAY-AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened at 2 P.M.

Devotional exercises were conducted by J. F. Smith.

Bishop's collection was reported as follows, the report being approved:

#### REPORT OF BISHOP'S COLLECTION.

Amount of assessment	\$320 00 291 00
Deficit	\$29 00

#### Respectfully submitted,

L. R. KRAMER, Collector.

On motion it was ordered that this deficit be made up on the next Sabbath.

#### REPORT OF UNION BIBLICAL SEMINARY FUND.

Amount assessed	\$400 00
Amount received	339 00
Deficit	\$61 00

#### Respectfully submitted,

H. B. Dohner, Treasurer.

#### REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL BENEFICIARY FUND.

Assessment	" "	00
Deficit	<u>\$11</u>	00

#### Respectfully submitted,

S. G. KAUFFMAN, Treasurer.

The report of the Treasurer of the Preachers' Aid Society was read and approved.

#### REPORT OF TREASURER OF PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY.

#### Receipts.

Balance on hand at last report	\$789	24		
Received at different times of Snyder dona-				
tion	45	00		
Received for rent	185	50		
Received on assessments before Conference	14	*00		
Received on assessments during Conference.	159	00		
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Total			\$1192 7	74
Expenditures.				
Paid to claimants, as per order of Conference	\$285	00		
Paid to Marks estate	519	00		
Paid taxes—road, \$3.60; insurance, \$3.04;				
water, \$7.50; State, county, and school,				
\$8.12	22	26		
Paid for repairs	7	54	•	
Total		_	\$833 8	30
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Balance in treasury			\$358 9	)4
Joseph	Young	T	reasurer.	

In this connection the report of the trustees was read and adopted.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY.

The Board of Trustees of the Preachers' Aid Society would respectfully present the following:

The property owned by the Conference is in good condition and free from debt.

The following appropriations are recommended:

Mrs. I. Baltzell, \$75; Mrs. Peters, \$75; Mrs. Sanders, \$75; Mrs. Carpenter, \$10; Brother A. Kauffman, \$100; Brother Minnich, \$25.

J. R. MEREDITH, President, M.\* J. MUMMA,
JOSEPH YOUNG,
L. R. KRAMER,
H. C. PHILLIPS,

Committee.

The Conference recommended M. B. Spayd and D. S. Eshelman to the Board of Education for financial aid.

The money received for Church-Erection was reported by the Treasurer, as follows:

#### REPORT OF CHURCH-ERECTION FUND.

	\$522 00 416 00
Amount received	
Deficit	"

Joseph Young was reëlected Treasurer of the Preachers' Aid Fund.

The Trustees of the Preachers' Aid Society were reëlected. (See page 4.)

- J. A. Lyter was reëlected Conference Sunday-school Secretary and Treasurer.
- J. X. Quigley read his report of the Contingent Fund, as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF CONTINGENT FUND.

#### Receipts.

Balance i	n treasury at last Conference	<b>\$</b> 633 49		
Jan'y 2.	Borrowed from bank	500 00		
	Borrowed of W. W. Sweigart	600 00		
Sept. 26.	Received at Penbrook Conference.	604 65		
То	tal	_	\$2,338	14
1894.	Expenditures.			
Oct. 6.	C. S. Yeager, Conference programs Z. A. Weidler, Secretary, station-	<b>\$</b> 6 00		
٠,	ery and postageZ. A. Weidler, Secretary, express-	3 25		
	age	75		

1894. Oct. 10.	Z. A. Weidler, for services as Sec-				
	retary	10	00		
Oct. 10.	E. A. G. Bossler, for services as				
	Secretary	10	00		
Oct. 12.	T. G. Spangler, Treasurer of Uni-				
1895.	ted Brethren Aid Society	500	00		
Jan'y 2.	T. G. Spangler, Treasurer of Uni-				
	ted Brethren Aid Society	500	00		
Jan'y 2.	Discount on \$500 for 94 days	7	83		
April 2.	T. G. Spangler, Treasurer of U. B.	·			
•	Aid Society, balance in full	500	00		
April 5.	Renewal of \$500 note by paying	100	00		
April 5.	Discount on \$400 for 94 days	6	27		
July 8.	Renewing \$400 note for 94 days	6	27		
Sept. 27.	To lift note in bank	400	00	*	
To	otal			\$2,050	37
Ba	lance in treasury Sept. 27, 1895			\$287	77
Presen	t liabilities, \$600.				
	J. X. Q	UIGLE	Y, T	reasurer	

- J. X. Quigley was reëlected Treasurer of the Contingent Fund.
- J. R. Meredith, J. X. Quigley, and the Secretary of the Conference were reëlected a committee to complete the payment of the claim of the United Brethren Aid Society against the Conference.

The Committee on Grievances made the following report, which was adopted:

#### REPORT ON GRIEVANCES.

We, your Committee on Grievances, would respectfully report the following:

The names of H. V. Mohn, J. F. Mower, and A. H. Hackman were submitted to us for consideration.

The matter between the Elder and Brother Mohn was amicably adjusted between themselves. We therefore recommend the passage of Brother Mohn's name.

In the case of J. F. Mower, we find that he has sent his credentials as a minister of the United Brethren Church to this Conference, and with them a letter, saying that he has withdrawn his name from the Conference and Church. We therefore recommend that his name be marked on the Conference roll as having irregularly withdrawn under charges.

In the case of A. M. Hackman, we recommend that his name do not pass the Conference, but that he be referred to his quarterly conference for investigation.

J. R. MEREDITH,

C. W. HUTSLER,

G. L. SHAEFFER,

Committee.

The report on Education was read by E. A. G. Bossler and adopted.

#### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education, according to the etymology of the term, is a leading out, a leading forth of the mind and heart to comprehend and appreciate "the word and the works of God." It means the development and growth of the mental and moral nature of man from its former narrow limits to the almost unlimited degree to which it is capable of attaining.

Education is of priceless importance, first, because it seeks the development of that wonderful faculty, the human intellect, so plastic and susceptible, so imperishable, and capable of almost endless growth.

In the words of Grace Greenwood:

- "See yon bold eagle, toward the sun Now rising free and strong, And see yon mighty river roll Its sounding tide along!
- "Ah! yet near the earth the eagle tires; Lost in the sea, the river; But naught can stay the human mind— 'T is upward, onward, ever!
- "It yet shall tread the starlit paths, By highest angels trod, And pause but at the farthest world, In the universe of God."

Second, because of what it means to the individual himself. The Creator has endowed each individual with marvelous possibilities, and he can become the ideal man only as he develops the powers given him. A liberal education brings out all the latent powers of

the individual and develops them, and fits him for usefulness, gives him character, and prepares him for heaven.

Third, because it means so much to society. Guizot said that "every expansion of human intelligence has proved of advantage to society." A Christian education fits a man for Christian citizenship, the greatest blessing in the republic. It makes of him a friend, a neighbor, a pattern, and a pillar. Now all this being true, therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we hereby reiterate our hearty sympathy with and thorough interest in the great cause of Christian education.

- 2. That we appreciate the important place which our denominational institutions have held in the great work of education, and that we hereby renew our allegiance to the schools of our Church.
- 3. That we again pledge ourselves to the support of Lebanon Valley College, the institution in our midst, and that we earnestly long for the time when proper and effective plans shall be instituted for the rescue of the college from its present embarrassment, and when this important institution shall be made in every particular second to no college in the land.
- 4. That we shall continue to observe College Day, when we shall present to our people the importance and demands of education, and seek to make the offering to the college as large as possible.
- 5. That we again profess our loyalty to that "school of the prophets," our beloved Union Biblical Seminary, and that we cheerfully accept the assessment for the Seminary as well as for beneficiary education, and that we shall do our best to raise the entire apportionment.
- 6. That we are in hearty sympathy with the Silver Anniversary movement to raise \$60,000 for the seminary, and that we will render such aid as our individual judgments may direct to bring the project to a grand consummation.

E. A. G. Bossler, Committee.

Pres. E. B. Bierman, Ph.D., of Lebanon Valley College, read his annual report and in connection therewith made an address.

REPORT ON LEBANON VALLEY COLLEGE.

To the Members of the East Pennsylvania Annual Conference:

Honored Bishop and Dear Brethren: The rapid expansion of the educational system of our country is one of the most striking phenomena of modern times. To the thoughtful observer this development is no less significant in its manner and methods than it is in its marvelous progress in science and the practical arts so characteristic of this century. It looks indeed sometimes as if the demands for the increase of educational facilities were outrunning our financial ability to supply them.

Every organization of men to whom is intrusted by the public the care of any educational enterprise, is constantly calling for more money and means to supply growing demands. Boards of public instruction, trustees of State universities and normal schools, all appeal most eloquently to our money-granting authorities for aid, and these appeals have in the main been answered in a truly magnificent way.

Again, money and effort toward the up-building of schools of various grades have come on a large scale from the religious bodies of our country. True, the growth of the public high school system has to a large degree displaced the academy and the seminary of former days, but the college is still in its average type a product of denominational interest in education. The Methodists have established a regular system of secondary and higher schools extending over our country from Maine to Mexico, and they are now founding a national university at Washington which is intended to be a group of post-graduate schools and to serve as the crown of the system. The Baptists are not far behind in establishing a university at Chicago. The Catholic Church, recognizing the strategic position of our capital city, has also undertaken the development of a university at Washington.

In a word, the church has gone into the business of education in a manner quite without a parallel since the Middle Ages. Men are endowing schools and colleges, or are contributing to their endowment, as a part of their ordinary religious work, and school, college, and university building has taken the place of cathedral building as church enterprises. Many instances might be cited here to testify to the powerful hold which the idea of education has taken on the public mind, a hold which from present indications seems destined to grow stronger and stronger as time advances.

There is still another evidence that the public interest in education is rapidly increasing, and that is the growing willingness of parents to spend money on the education of their children, even where they have to make personal sacrifice to secure the desired end. The number of people willing to invest large sums of money in the education of their children is increasing annually.

Now, what does all this mean to us? What lesson may we learn from this movement? To me it is this: That our people fully share in this awakening, and that it behooves us as a conference, as trustees of the college, and as men in authority in the United Brethren Church, to rise to the true dignity and demand of the occasion and at once institute such measures as will satisfactorily supply this growing want. The curriculum of our educational institutions must be so full and varied as to secure the development of the whole man, especially of those qualities which fit him to be a man among men, and the college must be so amply endowed and so fully equipped as to command the services of the best teaching talent, and thus secure the entire patronage of our people.

How near our institution approximates to this high ideal I will submit to you for answer.

Lebanon Valley College has added another year to its history—a year not essentially unlike many others that have preceded it. The enrollment of students for the year was one hundred and seventeen, against one hundred and sixteen of last year. On its face this does not seem much of an increase, but it should be borne in mind that at last year's commencement there were fifteen students graduated; adding to this number fourteen that dropped out at the end of the year, we have made a gain of thirty new students.

Of the several departments not much need be said at this time. All are faithfully pursuing their work along the lines laid down. The place made vacant in the modern language department by the resignation of Miss Thompson was filled early in August by the election of Miss Fannie A. Allis, A.B., a graduate of Smith College, Massachusetts, a lady of fine presence and varied accomplishments, and with an experience of seven years as teacher of French and German.

Our present library room, which is small, is filled to overflowing, and yet many of the best books are absent in every department. It is, therefore, greatly to be desired that a larger room or a new building and additional funds for the purchase of books be provided. A true college education is not obtained by the student by simply conning his lesson from the text-book. He must become familiar with books, he must learn to use them with celerity, to find and to utilize what most nearly concerns the matter he has in hand. This he can do only when the books are present and in adequate space accommodations.

Our students take an active interest in athletic exercises as well as in general physical development. Within suitable limits this spirit is to be encouraged rather than repressed, not because such a course is easier than the opposite, or because athletics happen to be the popular rage, but because there is a basis of reason in the pursuit of physical excellence.

All our religious meetings are well attended, and a positive sentiment for Christ and his church prevails among the students.

On last commencement day, June 20, we graduated six young men, among them the Rev. Joji Kingoro Irie, a native of Tokio, Japan, who has since been appointed by our Missionary Board to take charge of a new mission in his native country.

The fiscal year of the college ends on the last day of July, and this year the account stood thus:

Assets	\$56,318	20.
Liabilities	26,210	12.
Endowment Fund	62,500	00.
Scholarship Fund	10,370	00.

The Board of Trustees at its last annual session unanimously passed the following resolution, to which I beg leave to call your attention, viz.:

Resolved, That this Board most earnestly entreats the Annual Conferences cooperating to place such conference assessments upon the various fields as will result in securing the sum of five cents a member for Lebanon Valley College.

How to relieve the college of its indebtedness and amply equip it for greater usefulness, is still an unsolved problem, but the trustees are not without hope. With the revival of business and the help of an efficient agency in the field, the desired end can be attained at an early day. Let us all devoutly pray for it.

With many thanks for your kindly coöperation in my work, I most respectfully submit this report.

E. Benj. Bierman,

President.

September 27, 1895.

Addresses were made on Education by Prof. J. E. Lehman, H. B. Dohner, A. A. Long, J. P. Miller, H. J. Roop, H. E. Steinmetz, and J. R. Meredith, after which the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That we will endeavor to secure through our College Day exercises such a sum of money for Lebanon Valley College as shall not be less than five cents per member.

The Bishop appointed the following committees:

To Nominate Trustees for Lebanon Valley College—S. R. Grabill, J. M. Shelly, and H. J. Roop.

To Nominate Professor and Trustees for Russell Biblical Fund— J. R. Meredith, H. B. Dohner, and J. P. Miller.

The report on Publishing Interests was then read by E. Ludwick, and after an earnest appeal and address by Rev. W. J. Shuey, and a general experience meeting on circulating literature, it was adopted.

#### REPORT ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

It may be said that we live in a reading age just as we live in an eating age. Hence the demand for food. But what kind of food shall we have? is an all-important query. Detectives are employed to keep poisons out of our physical food. How about that for the mental and moral? The mental and moral nature demand pure, unadulterated, good, sweet food, just as the physical.

Poison in one case is just as fatal as in the other. Antidotes and emetics may be administered to ward off immediate death, but the effects ever remain in a greater or less degree, and in after life more or less suffering is the result, and very often the victim suffers without a knowledge of the real cause. Some good men's lives are tainted all the way through by the poisonous book read in childhood.

How shall we protect our boys and girls from such fatal results? Throw life-guards around their minds as you would around their bodies. Give good, pure, sweet literature to eat, just as you would food, and we shall thus train up a race of giants in mind and soullife.

There is probably no business to-day that has a brighter future than the publishing business, which, in fact, is only in its infancy in comparison to what it will be in ten or twenty years. Publishing houses are branching out and increasing their facilities constantly, and ours is no exception. Our Publishing House is the great storehouse of food for United Brethren people. There is where we

obtain our doctrines. We are glad that streams of good, pure literature emanate therefrom.

False conceptions often obtain in the mind as to just what constitutes good literature. Longfellow says, "Many readers judge of the power of a book by the shock it gives their feelings—as some savage tribes determine the power of muskets by their recoil, that being considered best which fairly prostrates the purchaser." Colton says, "Many books require no thought from those who read them, and for a very simple reason: they made no such demand upon those who wrote them." But, thank God for good books. Channing says: "God be thanked for books. They are the voices of the distant and the dead, and make us heirs of the spiritual life of past ages." Hence, we make but one broad, sweeping resolution, that we heartily endorse and encourage our Publishing House with ALL its literature—books and periodicals, English and German, and urge the importance of United Brethren people supporting United Brethren institutions.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Ludwick, Committee.

The following committee to nominate members for the Conference Church-Extension Society was appointed: C. W. Hutsler, H. F. McNelly, and Thomas Garland.

On motion adjourned, with benediction by Rev. W. J. Shuey.

### FOURTH DAY-MORNING SESSION.

SEPTEMBER 28, 1895.

Conference convened at 8:30 A.M.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Wm. M. Goodwin. H. C. Phillips was reëlected to represent the Conference on

the Board of Missions.

A partial report was received from Boehm Church, Reading, Pa.

The transfer of H. T. Denlinger was referred to the Committee on Credentials.

P. M. Camp, of the East Ohio Conference, was admitted to an advisory seat.

The report of the Treasurer of the Conference Church-Extension Society was received and approved.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE CONFERENCE CHURCH-EXTENSION SOCIETY.

### Receipts.

Balar Rece	nce in treasury, October 8, 1894	\$1,138 2,564	90 22
	Total		<u> </u>
	Expenditures.		
Octo Nove Janua Marc Marc April April April July Augu Septe Octo	ber 9, 1894, for note in bank	800 108 25	00 62 00 00 00 00 00 70 00 00 00
tra	M. Shellyber 8, 1894, to September 27, 1895, for discounts, veling expenses of the Board, printing Easter thankering envelopes and stationery, and postage	72	13
11	Total	\$2,622	45
Septe	ember 27, 1895, Balance in treasury	1,080	67
	Total	\$3,703	12
	Charles B. Rettew, Tro	easurer.	

- G. F. Bierman was granted leave of absence.
- J. M. Shelly and H. M. Miller were appointed a committee to provide for a Sunday-School Convention and Ministerial Institute to be held during the year.

The Committee on the Kreider Claim presented the following report, which was adopted:

#### REPORT ON KREIDER CLAIM.

We, your committee to consider the David Kreider claim, amounting to \$305.91, would report as follows:

We agree to pay Brother Kreider \$105.91 on his claim now, and give him the assurance that we will pay him the balance in full two years hence. We recommend that this money be paid out of the contingent fund.

J. R. Meredith,

C. W. HUTSLER, H. E. STEINMETZ,

Committee.

The Committee on Second Year's Course of Reading reported, and the report was adopted.

### REPORT ON SECOND YEAR'S COURSE OF READING.

We, your Committee on Second Year's Course of Reading, beg leave to offer the following report: There appeared before us Revs. A. R. Myers, C. G. F. Miller, H. M. Miller, and H. U. Roop, who were examined, and we recommend them to be passed to the third year's course of reading, having merited the following grades:

APPLICANTS.	Dogmatics.	Homiletics.	Christian Evidence.	Church History.	Mental Philosophy.	Elocution.	Bishop Edwards.	Written Sermon.	Average Grades.
A. R. Myers	11/4	1	11/4	11/4	11/3	$1\frac{1}{2}$	1	11/4	11/4
C, G, F. Miller	11/4	11/4	1	11/4	13/4	1	1	1 .	115
H. M. Miller	134	3	2	2	2	1	1	2	13/4
H. U. Roop	1½	1	1½	1	1	1	1	11/3	11/6

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. KEPHART,
Z. A. WEIDLER,
H. B. DOHNER,

Committee.

G. L. Shaeffer was elected fraternal delegate to the Conference Branch meeting of the Woman's Missionary Association.

An open transfer to H. B. Spayd was granted.

The committee reported the names of J. G. Smoker, H. B. Dohner, and C. J. Kephart as members of Conference Church-Extension Society. They were elected.

The Committee on Third Year's Course of Reading reported as follows:

### REPORT ON THIRD YEAR'S COURSE OF READING.

We, your Committee on Third Year's Course of Reading, would report the following: C. G. F. Miller and H. U. Roop were examined as per Discipline, with the following results:

Applicants.	Dogmatics.	Pastoral Theology.	Logic.	Beginnings of Christianity.	Analogy of Religion.	Life of Bishop Glossbrenner.	Doctrine of Christian Baptism.	Doctrine of Christian Ethics.	Sermon.	Average.
H. U. Roop	1½	1½	1	1	1	1	1	1½	1½	12
C. G. F. Miller	2	1½	2	2½	$2\frac{1}{2}$	2	2	$2\frac{1}{2}$	21/2	218

We therefore recommend that they be referred to the Committee on Elders' Orders. 1 A. H. Long,

C. W. HUTSLER,

H. C. PHILLIPS,

Committee.

- C. W. Hutsler presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:
- If "practice makes perfect" in other things, why not in examinations? No man is as well prepared to examine at the first reading of a book as he is at the tenth reading. Thus by continuing a man year after year in one department he becomes a master of that department, better able both to teach and examine every time he restudies his course. Therefore,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>H. U. Roop not having stood a probation of three years, two-thirds of the elders voted that he be referred for ordination.

- Resolved, 1. That we most kindly request the Bishop, in the appointment of committees, to keep the committees with the book or books, and let the student or licentiate, when through with the first year's course of reading, pass on to committee No. 2, and so also with the second and third year's courses of reading.
- 2. That no student or licentiate be allowed to pass the three years' course of reading in one year, as it is an injustice to the man.

The Committee to Nominate Trustees for Lebanon Valley College reported the names of H. H. Kreider, S. L. Swartz, C. B. Rettew, and A. A. Long. H. H. Kreider and S. L. Swartz were elected.

W. M. Bell, D.D., General Missionary Secretary of the Church, Dr. J. K. Irie, of Tokio, Japan, and Prof. J. A. Grier were admitted to advisory seats.

On motion the report on Missions was deferred until the afternoon.

S. L. Swartz, Treasurer of the Missionary Society of the Conference, reported as follows, and the report was approved:

REPORT OF CONFERENCE MISSIONARY TREASURER.

### Receipts.

Received from fields of labor on account of assessments	\$1,635	36		
Balance on hand from last year	<i>" '</i> • • •	_		
Total			\$2,263	66
Expenditures.				
Paid home missions	\$765	00		
Paid Parent Board	808	50		
Paid interest on loan	215	25		
Paid special to foreign missions	18	36		
Total			\$1,807	ΙΙ
Balance on hand			\$456	55

### Statement of Treasury.

Total amount of loans	\$2,346 09
Balance on hand	
Present indebtedness	\$1,889 54
Respectfully subm	itted,
	S. L. SWARTZ, Treasurer.

#### REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee to Audit the Accounts, would report that we have examined the accounts of the Missionary Treasurer of the Conference and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. MEREDITH,

J. P. MILLER,

Committee.

S. L. Swartz asked to be relieved as Treasurer of Missionary Society of the Conference, and E. W. S. Parthemore was elected in his stead.

The Committee to Nominate a Professor for the Russell Biblical Chair, and Trustees of the Russell Biblical Fund, reported the following, which was adopted:

For Trustees—L. R. Kramer, M. J. Mumma, H. C. Phillips, Thos. Garland, A. H. Kauffman, Wm. Beach, P. A. Bowman, J. F. Smith, E. Ludwick, U. S. G. Renn, A. R. Myers, G. W. M. Rigor, J. X. Quigley, J. G. Smoker, and Geo. Cavenaugh.

Out of these were elected the following: J. G. Smoker, M. J. Mumma, L. R. Kramer, Thos. Garland, and H. C. Phillips.

For Professor-Jos. Young, J. B. Daugherty, and S. C. Enck.

Jos. Young was elected.

Middletown was chosen as the place of holding the next annual conference.

The Conference gratefully accepted the kind and liberal offer of Mr. Chas. B. Rettew to publish and distribute gratuitously three thousand copies of the Minutes of this session.

- A. R. Myers was reëlected Corresponding Secretary for Union Biblical Seminary.
- E. W. S. Parthemore was reëlected Conference Historical Secretary.

The Committee on Time and Place of Ministerial Institute and Sunday-School Convention reported as follows, and the report was adopted:

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONVENTION AND MINISTERIAL INSTITUTE.

We, your Committee on Time and Place for Sunday-School Convention and Ministerial Institute, report as follows:

The Ministerial Institute to be held at Lititz beginning Tuesday, March 17, 1896, and closing at noon, March 19, 1896.

The Sunday-School Convention to be held at Oberlin, beginning Tuesday, May 12, 1896, at 2 P.M., and closing Wednesday evening, May 13, 1896.

J. M. Shelly,

H. M. MILLER, Committee.

On motion the program provided for the Ministerial Institute last year was accepted for this year, as follows:

COURSE OF STUDY FOR MINISTERIAL INSTITUTE.

We, the committee appointed to report a course of study for the Ministerial Institute of the coming year, report as follows:

Epistle to the Philippians—P. E. Dietrich.

Practical Theology (Introduction and Body of Sermon)—E. Ludwick.

Biography of Wendell Phillips—C. W. Hutsler.

Beginning of Religion (Lotze)-M. J. Mumma.

Psychology (Atwater)—C. J. Kephart.

Methods of Church Work (Stahl)-J. R. Meredith.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. KEPHART,

Z. A. WEIDLER,

D. D. LOWERY,

Committee.

The Presiding Elder and pastor of Oberlin were appointed a committee to prepare a program for the Sunday-School Convention.

On motion adjourned, with benediction by M. J. Mumma.

### FOURTH DAY - AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened at 2 P.M.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Z. A. Weidler.

The program of the hour was then taken up. Mrs. McFarlan, of Lebanon, presided, and the address was made by Mrs. Martin, of Harrisburg. Bishop Mills followed with an address highly commending the women's work.

The report of H. C. Phillips on Missions was read, and after stirring addresses by Dr. W. M. Bell, General Secretary, and Dr. J. K. Irie, was adopted.

#### REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions would present the following:

The church of Christ could be none other than a mission church, following faithfully their great Leader in bringing the news of man's redemption to every race and nation. Hearing distinctly the voice and obeying the command of Christ is of the greatest importance to the church, especially at this hour. Surely a great crisis has come in mission work, and the speedy evangelization of the world is the mission of the church. We need no longer to pray that doors be opened through which we might carry the gospel to those who are sitting in darkness and sin. Our prayers need not be that men and women be sent who might be willing to go quickly with the light and truth, but that the church might awake to the fact that it requires money to send men and women with the message of salvation to the lost and ruined. We believe this prayer is being offered most earnestly by many, and that we are seeing evidences already of its gracious answer; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That we profoundly thank God for being called by

his dear Son to receive and carry his message to the world, and for his blessing upon the work that has been undertaken in his name.

- 2. That we especially recognize his guiding hand in the blessing on our work in Africa and Germany, and the awakening of thought in respect to the importance of carrying our work to China and Japan; and that in grateful recognition of this mercy we will most earnestly endeavor to prove ourselves worthy servants of his in this respect.
- 3. That we recognize the necessity of immediate action in placing our Philadelphia work on a more permanent basis in order to further the speedy success of our work there, and that the Church-Extension Society be authorized and instructed to early consummate plans by which to accomplish this important end.
- 4. That we as a church look forward to the time when we will send a missionary to Jerusalem, the central point of Biblical geography, and preach the gospel in the land of the Saviour's birth.

H. C. PHILLIPS, Committee.

The report on Church-Erection was read by M. J. Mumma, and after an address by Dr. Bell was adopted.

### REPORT ON CHURCH-ERECTION.

In the Word of God, this most heart-searching utterance is presented to us: "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" (I. John 3: 17.)

If the language of divine inspiration characterizes a person who fails to contribute to the temporal wants of a fellow-mortal as Godless, what shall be said of one who, being blessed with means to do so, fails to minister to those who are spiritually destitute?

There is no work more important, and none so ennobling and elevating as that of ministering to the salvation of men. Hence the importance and dignity of mission work.

Congregations in an undeveloped and emaciated condition cannot be helpful to the general church work. In an army of soldiers the sick and disabled are carefully nursed, and their growing strength is fostered, so that they may the sooner and more effectually help the comrades in the achievement of desired results. So in church work the feeble congregations should be strengthened so that they may reach beyond themselves in church activities, and help others in the general efforts of winning the world for Christ.

Church-erection work proposes to do this; and by helping present weak ones to become helpful to others, it becomes the true handmaiden of mission work.

The stronger the church is at home the more she may and ought to help the weak church abroad. So then whoever helps the churcherection cause truly helps the mission work.

It is a grand and noble act to help another to do good. In view of this, who will not say that church-erection work is just as important and should have the same attention and as much prominence given to it as mission work? Verily, if our people would understand this feature of church-helpfulness as fully as they do that of missions, they would be just as enthusiastic and liberal in its support as they are in the support of the other.

Whereas, Believing that our people need more intelligence in reference to this department of work, we deplore the meagerness there is in this respect, and keenly desire that our struggling brethren on the frontiers may soon become strong enough not only to stand alone, but to reach beyond themselves and enjoy the blessing of helping others; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we will labor more earnestly to inform ourselves and our people of the real nature and needs of this enterprise.

- 2. That we respectfully urge the management of this work to publish and freely distribute such information on this subject as may be helpful to the intelligence and enthusiasm of our people.
- 3. That we will earnestly labor to fill our assessments for this project, and if possible enlarge upon them in our collections.

The report of the Conference Church-Extension Society was read, discussed, amended, and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE CHURCH-EXTENSION SOCIETY.

The Conference Church-Extension Society would respectfully recommend the following appropriations:

Pottstown	5300	00
Lititz		
Royalton Philadelphia Mt. Pisgah Philadelphia Mt. Pisgah—part interest on	150	00
Philadelphia Mt. Pisgah	300	00
Philadelphia Mt. Pisgah—part interest on		
mortgage	50	00
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Total9	SOO	00

It is further recommended—

- 1. That \$100 be paid to Z. A. Weidler on past year.
- 2. That the expenses incurred in the Lebanon Trinity Church case, amounting to \$393.25, be paid by the Society.
- 3. That the appropriations be paid out of the Missionary Treasury, except the appropriation to Pottstown and interest moneys authorized.
- 4. That a committee of five be appointed to look after the interests of Boehm Church, Reading; Royalton church, and Pleasant Hill church near Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

Z. A. WEIDLER, Secretary.

The Committee on Credentials reported as follows:

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg leave to make the following report: The transfer of H. T. Denlinger, of the Allegheny Conference, United Brethren in Christ, which was referred to us, was examined and we recommend that he be received.

J. A. LYTER,

S. C. ENCK,

J. G. SMOKER,

Committee.

The Bishop appointed the following committee as provided in the report of the Conference Church-Extension Society to look after Boehm Church, Reading; Royalton church and Pleasant Hill church: D. D. Lowery, H. B. Dohner, S. L. Swartz, H. J. Roop, and D. L. Kauffman.

On motion the Conference Church-Extension Society was authorized to make an appropriation for the support of the pastor or pastors of these churches if it be found the safe and proper thing in the judgment of the committee.

J. R. Meredith was reëlected Conference Missionary Secretary.

The Treasurer of the Contingent Fund was authorized to pay \$10 to each of the Secretaries and the bill for stationery and postage.

### The report on Finance was read and adopted, as follows:

### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Oberlin         30         15         3         .5         10         4         2         7         6          4         40           Paradise         25         22         3         3         12         6         2         15         4          2         50           Penbrook         30         20         4         7         10         4         2         15         7          6         00           Pequea         33         20         4         5         15         8         2         15         6         12         00         24          4         50           Phila         Mt. Pisgah         27         8         3         3         7         5         2         10         4         38         37          2         50           Phila         St. Paul         18         3         2         1         1         1         3         2          75           Pleasant Hill         10         6         2         2         4         3         1         10         2															_
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	Total	\$1,358	\$1,195	\$192	\$241	\$511	\$413	\$95	\$771	\$318	\$1,002 3	7 \$138	\$54	\$209	50

On motion it was agreed to hold memorial services on Sunday morning from 10 to 10: 30 o'clock.

The following committees were appointed for next year:

#### COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR.

Missions—H. D. Lehman.
Church-Erection—G. L. Shaeffer.
Publishing Interests—J. P. Miller.
Education—H. B. Dohner.
Sabbath Schools—A. R. Myers.
Resolutions—H. T. Denlinger.
Temperance—C. G. F. Miller.
Sabbath Observance—S. C. Enck.

### On Course of Reading.

First Year—E. Ludwick, G. L. Shaeffer, H. D. Lehman. Second Year—C. J. Kephart, Z. A. Weidler, H. B. Dohner. Third Year—A. A. Long, C. W. Hutlser, H. C. Phillips.

### Licentiates.

First Year—M. M. Weber, S. L. Rhoads, E. O. Burtner. Second Year—W. W. Fridinger. Third Year—A. R. Myers, H. M. Miller.

On motion adjourned, with benediction by Bishop J. S. Mills.

### FOURTH DAY-EVENING SESSION.

Conference convened after the evening program was rendered.

On motion the granting of a transfer to J. H. Unger was referred to the Committee on Credentials. It was recommended by the committee that it be granted, and so ordered by the Conference.

The Committee on Ordination reported as follows, the report being adopted:

#### REPORT ON ORDINATION.

After due examination, the Committee on Ordination would recommend that C. G. F. Miller and H. U. Roop be ordained as elders in the church of Christ.

J. R. Meredith,
G. W. M. Rigor,

M. J. Mumma,

Committee.

On motion it was ordered that the final adjournment of Conference take place on Monday at 8:30 A.M., September 30, 1895.

E. O. Burtner was recommended to the Board of Education for aid if necessity should arise.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following report, which was amended and adopted item by item.

### REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father has so kindly permitted us to meet in conference assembled, and

WHEREAS, We owe to him all that we have, and are, and ever hope to be, and

WHEREAS, His cause is our cause; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That we seek more earnestly the enduement of power from on high.

- 2. That it is not more preachers that we want, but men better qualified for the great work of the gospel ministry.
- 3. That we are in hearty sympathy with the discipline and the polity of our Church.
- 4. That we hear with pleasure of the great work of the United Brethren Church in the South.
- 5. That we assist Union Biblical Seminary in its silver anniversary.
  - 6. That we stand in the front ranks of all great moral reforms.
- 7. That the Presiding Elder in a kind manner tell the ministers of their failures, and point out to them the way of success.

8. That we, as ministers, recognize more fully the ability and

worth of the laity.

9. That we pay more attention and give more financial help to the

worn out preachers and their widows.

10. That each pastor keep a correct record of each person paying the sum of 25 cents or more for the cause of missions, and that the names and amounts be published in the Conference minutes.

II. That we are well pleased with the presence and preach-

ing of Bishop J. S. Mills, D. D.

12. That in the future we discuss our vital Conference inter-

ests fully during the session of Conference.

13. That we are grateful to the good people of Penbrook for the very kind and excellent manner in which they have entertained this Conference.

Respectfully,

C. W. Hutsler, Committee.

On motion the Bishop of the district was requested to convene the Conference on Wednesday morning instead of at 2 P.M.

On motion the expenses of the Conference delegate to the meeting of the Board of Missions was ordered paid out of the Contingent Fund.

On motion adjourned, with benediction by Bishop Mills.

The report of the Stationing Committee was read after the Sabbath morning sermon, as follows:

#### REPORT OF STATIONING COMMITTEE.

Conference District—D. D. Lowery, Presiding Elder.

Annville Station, M. J. Mumma. Birdsboro Station, Prof. J. A. Grier. Centerville Station, A. R. Myers. Chestnut Grove Circuit, N. A. Kiracofe. Columbia Station, A. A. Long. East Harrisburg Circuit, Wm. Beach. Ephrata Station, A. L. Shannon. Fishburn Circuit, P. A. Bowman. Florin Circuit, J. F. Smith. Grantville Circuit, M. E. Bachman. Halifax, G. F. Bierman Harrisburg Memorial, J. P. Miller, D.D. Harrisburg Derry Street, C. W. Hutsler. Highspire Station, J. R. Meredith. Hummelstown Station, L. R Kramer. Intercourse Station, H. M. Miller. Jacksonville Circuit, M. M. Weber. Lancaster Station, E. A. G. Bossler. Lancaster Circuit, Geo. Cavenaugh. Lebanon Trinity, to be supplied. Lebanon Circuit, J. B. Daugherty. Lititz Mission, C. G. F. Miller. Manheim Station, S. C. Enck. Manor Circuit, S. G. Kauffman. Middletown Station, J. G. Smoker. Mt. Joy Station, J. A. Lyter. Mountville Station, G. L. Shaeffer. New Holland Station, M. A. Salt. Oberlin Station, U S. G. Renn. Paradise Station, W. W. Fridinger. Pequea Station. Penbrook Station, H. T. Denlinger. Philadelphia Mt. Pisgah, H. C. Phillips.

Philadelphia St. Paul's, care of Presiding Elder and H. C. Phillips.

Pottstown Mission, J. M. Shelly. Pleasant Hill Station, S. L. Rhoads. Reading Otterbein, Z. A. Weidler. Reading Boehm, to be supplied. Royalton Station, H. D. Lehman. Steelton Station, E. Ludwick. St. John's Station, H. F. McNelly. Springfield Station, W. M. Goodwin.

S. D. Faust, D.D., Professor in Union Biblical Seminary.

E. Light, D.D., Chaplain National Military Home, Dayton, Ohio.

H. U. Roop, Professor in State Normal School.

C. J. Kephart, Field Secretary of the Pennsylvania Sunday-School Association.

H. B. Dohner, Agent Union Biblical Seminary.

### EVENING AND SABBATH SERVICES.

On Wednesday evening Bishop J. S. Mills preached the Conference sermon. The ordinance of the holy communion was administered to the ministers and all other Christians present.

Rev. C. J. Kephart, D.D., Field Secretary of the Pennsylvania Sunday-School Association, read his report on Sabbath Schools, and delivered a very eloquent address on the general work and progress of the Sunday school.

The Conference Church-Extension Society held its anniversary on Friday evening. The financial report of the Treasurer was read, and H. C. Phillips made an address on "Our Philadelphia Mission," followed by S. R. Grabill on "Mission Work from a Business Standpoint."

Prof. J. E. Lehman presided at the Young People's Christian Union Anniversary. A report of the Conference Unions was read by H. D. Lehman, Corresponding Secretary. J. A. Lyter delivered an address on "Organization," followed by Dr. J. P. Miller on "Enthusiasm."

The Sabbath day services were introduced by a general experience meeting under the direction of J. R. Meredith, followed by the memorial service provided for by the Conference.

A paper prepared by Prof. S. D. Faust, D.D., was read. (See page 53.) Addresses were made by Ex-Bishop Dickson and Bishop Mills.

The sermon by Bishop J. S. Mills, which followed, was a masterly one, on I. Corinthians 4: 20.

At the Sabbath-school anniversary addresses were made by A. A. Long, J. M. Shelly, Wm. H. Ulrich, and Z. A. Weidler.

Dr. W. M. Bell preached an excellent missionary sermon from Matthew 9:36.

Thus closed one of the most pleasant, as well as one of the most memorable sessions of East Pennsylvania Conference. Benediction by Dr. Bell.

J. S. MILLS,
Bishop.

Z. A. Weidler,Recording Secretary.E. A. G. Bossler,Statistical Secretary.

### CAMP-MEETINGS.

#### MT. GRETNA.

The Mt. Gretna Camp-Meeting Association will hold its fifth annual session August 4-13, 1896. This camp has been pronounced by those knowing well the interests of our Church the largest of all our camps. It is well located on the C. & L. Railroad, and possesses every convenience that could be desired—the best spring-water, electric lights, a neat chapel, dormitory, and boarding hall. Good boarding will be furnished at \$4.50 for the season, \$1 per day, or 50 cents per meal.

For further particulars, address either Rev. H. B. Dohner, Belle Grove, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania; Rev. D. D. Lowery, 324 South Sixteenth Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; or Mr. E. W. S. Parthemore, North Third Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

### IN MEMORIAM.

### JOHN WESLEY ETTER.

Last early spring, before the earth was reclad with the garniture of leaves and blossoms, the summons came to John Wesley Etter, -to other ears a sound, to his a song. And now, when the frosts of autumn are about to accomplish their work upon the leaves, and the promise of the blossoms has been fulfilled upon the fruitage, it is not too late, in the presence of his brethren, again to recount briefly the record of his holy life. But words seem inadequate vessels in which to bear the sweet fragrance of such a character, for

it was the rose and the lily.

He was born in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, March 13, 1846, and died in Dayton, Ohio, March 28, 1895. His early life was spent on the farm, during which time his educational advantages were such as were afforded by the district school. In his seventeenth year he was converted, when he united with the United Brethren Church, which he served during subsequent life as Sunday-school superintendent, teacher, pastor, and author. In 1866 he graduated from the Bryant Commercial College, and in 1872 from Lebanon Valley College. The following year he served the college as teacher of rhetoric and English literature. In 1875 he completed the course in Drew Theological Seminary.

He was licensed to preach the gospel in 1871, received into Conference in 1873, and ordained by Bishop Edwards in 1876. As pastor he served at Mount Joy in the years 1875-77; in Philadelphia, 1877-1879; in Baltimore, Maryland, 1879-81; at Mt. Joy, 1883-85; and in Lebanon, 1885-89 In 1884 he received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Lebanon Valley College.

At the historical General Conference held in York, Pennsylvania, in 1889, he was elected editor of the Quarterly Review. He then moved his family to Dayton, Ohio. In 1891 he was elected to the chair of Systematic Theology in Union Biblical Seminary. His voice failing him he resigned at the close of the year and resumed work on the Quarterly Review alone. At the next General Conference he was elected chief editor of our Sunday-school literature. This place he continued to hold until his death.

He is the author of "The Preacher and His Sermon," of "Christian Baptism," and of "The Thorn in the Flesh." At the time of his death he had in preparation material for a small volume on "Christ and Theology" and for one on the "Lord's Prayer."

After 1880 Doctor Etter labored under physical difficulties with a persistency rarely equaled. He had a weak body, but a strong will, a clear brain, and a great heart. He was fearless, but God-fearing, indifferent as to friendships unless they could be preserved upon the strictest principles of justice and right, and in an especial sense possessed of the courage of his convictions. He was among the S. D. FAUST. noblest of men.

### STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, 1. That all ministers who cannot be present before the second day of Conference are hereby required to send their Conference assessments to the secretary of the Conference, with the report of the charge.

- 2. That the quarterly conference be requested to secure the presiding elder's salary by a special steward or otherwise, and not by public presentation on quarterly communion occasions.
- 3. That we request and urge the Sunday schools of our Conference, wherever practicable, to send one or more delegates to the Annual Convention of the Pennsylvania State Sunday-School Association, and to coöperate with the various county organizations for the promotion and improvement of the Sunday schools of our State.
- 4. That the official board or the quarterly conference of each charge in this Conference request that all of the regular conference assessments be provided for, and that the pastors be released from that responsibility as far as possible.
- 5. That we request the Stationing Committee to supply our fields of labor with pastors from the members of our Conference, as far as practicable.
- 6. That the fiscal year of the Conference begin on the first day of October and end on the last day of September, and that we request the Board of Bishops in making their appointments of annual conference sessions to so arrange, if at all possible, that East Pennsylvania Conference session be held during the first week of October.

### ALPHABETICAL ROLL OF MEMBERS-MINISTERS.

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1873	Ë	It	Beach, William  Bowman, P. A	Linglestown	Dauphin	Pa
1888	E	İt	Bossler, E. A. G	Lancaster	Lancaster	Pa
1870	Ë	Ît	Boughter, J. W	Royalton	Dauphin	Pa
	$\tilde{\mathrm{E}}$	lt	Bierman, G. F	Halifax	Dauphin	Pa
1895	L	L	Burtner, E.O	Dayton (U. B. Seminary)	Montgomery	0
1892	E	It	Cavenaugh, George	Neffsville	Lancaster	Pa
1856	E	It	Daugherty, J. B	Lebanon	Lebanon	Pa
*******			Denlinger, H. T	Penbrook	Dauphin	Pa
1875	E	Sy	*Dietrich, P. E	1015 N. Third St., Harrisburg	Dauphin	Pa
1878	E	It	Dohner, H. B	Belle Grove	Lebanon	Pa
1861	E	Sd	*Early, D.S	Sixth and Kelker, Harrisburg.	Dauphin	Pa
1888	E	It	Enck, S. C	Manheim	Lancaster	Pa
1901	E	Sy	Enders, G. W Eshleman, D. S	Enders	Dauphin	Pa
1891 1885	L E	It	*Faust, S D., D.D	Dayton (U. B. Seminary) Dayton (U. B. Seminary)	Montgomery   Montgomery	ő
1893	L	Ît	Fridinger, W. W	Clay	Lancaster	Pa
1871	E	Sy	*Funk, J. B	Lancaster	Lancaster	Pa
1871	Ē	It	Garland, Thomas	Powell's Valley	Dauphin	Pa
	E	It	Goodwin, W. M	Blue Rock	Chester	Pa
1875	E	Sy	*Groff, I. M	Los Angeles		Cal
1889	E	Sy	Hackman, A. M	Enders	Dauphin	Pa
1890	E	It	Hutsler, C. W	1508 Derry St., Harrisburg	Dauphin	Pa
1891	E	It	Kauffman, S. G	Highville	Lancaster	Pa
1859	E	Sd	Kauffman, A. H	Columbia	Lancaster Lebanon	Pa Pa
<b>18</b> 93	E	l It It	Kephart, C. J Kiracofe, N. A	Annville Mt. Joy	Lebanon Lancaster	Pa
1880	Ē	Ît	Kramer, L. R	Hummelstown	Dauphin	Pa
1885	L	Ll	*Kurtz, J. H.	Room 11, Union Depot, Pittsb'g	Allegheny	Pa
1887	E	It	Lehman, H. D	Royalton	Dauphin	Pa
1855	E	Sy	*Light, E, D.D	Soldiers' Home, Dayton	Monigomery	0
1879	E	It	Lowery, D.D	324 S 16th St., Harrisburg	Dauphin	Pa
1878	E	It	Ludwick, E	Steelton	Dauphin	Pa
1890	E	It	Long, A. A	Columbia	Lancaster	Pa
1888	E	It	Lyter, J. A	Mt. Joy		
1869	E	It	Meredith, J. R	Highspire	Dauphin Lancaster	Pa Pa
1889	L	It	Miller, H. M	IntercourseGermantown, Philadelphia	Philadelphia	
1849 1869	E	Sd	*Minnick, S. L Mohn, H. V	Shillington	Berks	Pa
1869	E	Sd	*Mower, Simon	Linglestown	Dauphin	Pa
1870	E	It	Mumma, M. J	Annville	Lebanon	Pa
1890	E	It	McNelly, H. F	Soudersburg	Lancaster	Pa
1892	E	It	Miller, C. G. F	Lititz	Lancaster	Pa
1893	$ \vec{L} $	It	Myers, A. R	Mountville	Lancaster	Pa
••••••	E	It	Miller, J. P., D.D	258 Herr Street, Harrisburg	Dauphin	Pa
1873	E	I t	Phillips, H. C	2833 N. Front St., Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Pa
1878	E	Sy	Quigley, J. X	263 Boas Street, Harrisburg	Dauphin	Pa
1888	E	It	Renn, U. S. G	Oberlin	Dauphin	Pa Pa
1895	L	Ll	Rhoads, S. L	Lebanon	Lebanon	N J
1854	E	Sy	Rigor, G. W. M	North Vineland	Cumberland Cumberland	Pa
1893 1880	E	It	Roop, H. U	Shippensburg New Holland	Lancaster	Pa
1886	E	It	Salt, M. A Shannon, A. L	Ephrata	Lancaster	Pa
1891	E	It	Shaeffer, G. L	Mountville	Lancaster	Pa
1889	E	It	Shelly, J. M	Pottstown	Montgomery	TO

E. Elder, L. Licentiate, \* Absent, It. Itinerant, Sy. Supernumerary, Sd. Superannuated, Ll. Local.

### ALPHABETICAL ROLL OF MEMBERS-MINISTERS

Entered Ministry.	Present Relation.	Classifica- tion.	NAME.	Address.	County.	State.
1888 1883 1885 1874 1871 1895 1881 1844 1849	EEEELEEE	It It It Sy Sy Ll It Sd Sd	Weidler, Z. A	Middletown	Montgomery  Dauphin  Dauphin  Berks	Pa O Pa Pa Pa Pa Pa

### LAY DELEGATES.

CHARGE REPRESENTED.	NAME.	ADDRESS.
Annville Station	John E. Herr	Annville, Pa
Columbia Station	Jacob Sneath	Columbia, Pa
Centerville Station	H. B. Bossler	Rohrerstown, Pa
Chestnut Grove Circuit	George Eby	Mt. Joy, Pa
Ephrata Station	J. F. Snader	Ephrata, Pa
Florin Circuit	G. A. Geyer	Florin, Pa
Fishburn Circuit	E. C. Brineer	Middletown, Pa
Grantville Circuit	A. L. Landis	Union Deposit, Pa
Harrisburg Circuit	Samuel Eshenour	Oberlin, Pa
Harrisburg Memorial	C. B. Rettew	Harrisburg, Pa
Harrisburg Derry Street	M. L. Beck	Harrisburg, Pa
Halifax Mission	*J. Ditty	Halifax, Pa
Highspire Station	H. J. Řoop	Highspire, Pa
Hummelstown Station	J. T. Remsburg	Hummelstown, Pa
Intercourse Station	J. M. Beam	Intercourse, Pa
Jacksonville Circuit	P. G. Shoop	Enders, Pa
Lancaster Station	S. R. Grabill	Lancaster, Pa
Lancaster Circuit	H. F. Hostetter	Oregon, Pa
Lebanon Station	A. D. Bechtel	Lebanon, Pa
Lebanon Circuit	S. Boughter	Shaefferstown, Pa
Lititz Mission	D. M. Weidman	Lititz, Pa
Manheim Station	C. H. Young	Manheim, Pa
Manor Circuit	H. G. Witmer	Safe Harbor, Pa
Marietta Circuit	L. M. Mohn	Newtown, Pa
Middletown Station	A. Bauder	Middletown, Pa
Mt. Joy Station	S. N. Eby	Mt. Joy, Pa
Mountville Station	J. G. Stehman	Mountville, Pa
Mont Clare Station	J Readman	Mont Clare, Pa
New Holland Station	Ezra Ranck	New Holland, Pa
Oberlin Station	G. W. Smeltzer	Oberlin, Pa
Paradise Station	H. E. Steinmetz	Clay, Pa
Pequea Station	Samuel Burkey	Black Horse, Pa
Penbrook Station	John Knupp	Penbrook, Pa
Philadelphia Mt. Pisgah	*C. O. Meredith	Philadelphia, Pa
Philadelphia St Paul's	*A. Weidman	Philadelphia, Pa
Pottstown Mission	J. L. Kennedy	Pottstown, Pa
Reading Otterbein	Ab Landis	Reading, Pa
Reading Boehm	•••••••	
Royalton Station	J. K. Henry	Royalton, Pa
Steelton Station	D. R. Hoffman	Steelton, Pa
St. John's Station	Sarah Stehman	Soudersburg, Pa
Springfield Circuit	W. H. Wilson	Blue Rock, Pa

<sup>\*</sup>Absent.

### SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Churches - Appointments, 80; organized churches, 78.

Ministers — Active, 40; superannuated, 5; supernumerary, 14; local, 7. Total, 66.

Members—At the beginning of the year, 7,813; received, 1,129; deaths, 70; all other losses, 790; at the end of the year, 8,082; increase, 510; decrease, 241; net increase, 269.

Young People's Christian Union—Number of societies, 47; number of members, 1,789; Junior societies, 13; number of members, 760.

Sabbath Schools—Number of schools, 77; number of scholars enrolled, 11,580; number of teachers and officers, 1,278; number of libraries, 28; number of volumes, 7,897.

Literature—Religious Telescopes, 617; Quarterly Reviews, 20; Watchwords, 230; Bible Teachers, 375; Lesson Quarterlies, 9,159; Children's Friends, 1,738; Missionary Visitors, 1,132; Lessons for the Little Ones, 3,215; Woman's Evangels, 364; Botschafters, 5.

Finance—Pastors' salaries, \$20,157.95; value of presents, \$1,215.66; local church and parsonage expenses, \$17,255.84; presiding elders' salaries, \$1,153.70; bishop's collection, \$291; Preachers' Aid, \$171; local Sabbath-school collections, \$5,238.22; general collection for missions, \$1,601.49; thank-offerings for foreign missions, \$399.01; Woman's missions, \$1,670.55; total for missions, \$3,671.05; Sabbath schools for missions, \$435.36; Church-Erection Fund, \$422; Sabbath-School General Fund, \$196; Children's Day collections, \$68.24; Union Biblical Seminary, \$341; Educational Beneficiary Fund, \$85; for colleges, academies, and seminary, \$1,957.90; Litigation Fund, \$16; Conference Church-Extension, \$1,060.37; Contingent Fund, \$527.45; Conference mission debt, \$3.63; total for all purposes, \$54,410.75.

Property—Number of church-houses, 74; value of church-houses, \$254,066; number of new churches, 1; value of new church, \$2,000; number of parsonages, 21; value of parsonages, \$43,425.

Miscellaneous — Time employed by pastors, 504 months; number of Minutes wanted, 1,960.

### STATISTICAL CHART.

		C	HS.	ii	MEMBERS		
FIELD OF LABOR.	NAME OF PREACHER.	Appointments.	Organized Churches.	At Beginning of Year.	Received.	5. S.	All Other Losses.
St. John's Station Springfield Station Reading Boehm	W. W. Fridinger J. F. Smith H. M. Miller Thomas Garland J. P. Miller, D.D. C. W. Hutsler J. R. Meredith L. R. Kramer S. G. Kauffman M. M. Weber E. A. G. Bossler. W. E. Johnson Z. A. Weidler J. B. Daugherty C. G. F. Miller. S. C. Enck N. A. Kiracofe G. F. Bierman J. G. Smoker J. A. Lyter G. L. Shaeffer George Cavenaugh M. A. Salt U. S. G. Renn M. E. Bachman C. I. B. Brane H. T. Denlinger H. C. Phillips	1 4 1 5 2 4 3 1 1 1 1 2 5 1 5  4 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1 4 1 4 1 5 2 4 3 1 1 1 1 2 5 1 5 3 2 1 1 1 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 2 1 1 1 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 2 1 1 1 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 1	273 74 48 190 546 193 129 265 144 289 154 361 237 176 182 212 253 235 193 124 96 184 252 65 268 109 167 74 313 172 97 173 239 110 41 22 26 249 211 378 160 82 47 7,813	18 23 24 81 41 59 41 55 53 19 2 13 45 12 40 8 3 40 57	2 8 1 1 4 1 2 2 5 2 2 3 3 1 1	1 1 2 1 1 1 2 2 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 1 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 1 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 1 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 1

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At End of Year.	Increase.	Decrease.	No. of Young People's Societies.	No. of Members.	No. of Junior So- cieties.	No. of Members.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	No. of Scholars Enrolled.	No. of Teachers and Officers.	No. of Libraries.	No. of Volumes.	Religious Telescopes.	Quarterly Reviews.	Watchwords.
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For Church, Parsonage, and Local Society Expenses.	Presiding Elder's Salary.	Bishop's Collection.	Preachers' Aid.	Collected for Local Sunday-School Purposes	General Collection for Missions.	Thank-Offerings for Foreign Missions.	Woman's Missions.	Total for Missions. (Omit from Final Total.)
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Annville Station Birdsboro Station Centerville Station Chestnut Grove Circuit Columbia Station East Harrisburg Circuit Ephrata Station Fishburn Circuit Grantville Circuit Halifax Harrisburg Memorial Harrisburg Derry Street Highspire Station Hummelstown Station Intercourse Station Jacksonville Circuit Lancaster Station Lancaster Circuit Lebanon Trinity Lebanon Circuit Lititz Mission Manheim Station Manietta Station Manietta Station Mountville Station Mountville Station Mountville Station Mountville Station Mountville Station Pequea Station Pequea Station Pequea Station Perdue Station Perdue Station Penbrook Station	3 95 3 30 50 3 95 3 5 30 3 95 3 5 31 3 7 87 3 95 3 5 30 3 5 00 1 7 8 8 7 8 7 8 8 7 8 8 7 8 8 7 8 8 7 8 8 7 8 8 8 8 7 8	8 00 12 00 10 00 15 00 10 00 7 00 34 00 15 00 15 00 12 00 9 00 4 00 20 00 5 00 12 00 15 00 12 00 15 00 10 00 12 00 15 00 10 00 12 00 10 00	5 00 2 50 3 50 3 00 5 00 2 00 9 00 5 00 3 00 2 00 7 00 1 00 11 00 3 00 2 00 11 00	\$6 26 14 25 6 10 10 00 6 50 4 63 9 50 2 00 \$\frac{9}{2} \text{ \$\text{\$0\$}} \text{\$\text{\$0\$}} \text{\$\text{\$\text{\$0\$}}} \text{\$\text{\$\text{\$0\$}}} \text{\$\text{\$\text{\$0\$}}} \text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$0\$}}} \text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$0\$}}} \$\text{\$\	3 00 3 00 1 00 20 00 7 00 12 00 13 00 12 00 6 00 30 00 10 00 12 00 4 00 12 00 12 00 12 00 12 00 12 00 12 00 12 00 12 00 13 00 12 00 12 00 13 00 10 00 12 00 10 00	1 00 1 06 1 00 5 00 2 00 2 00 2 00 3 00 2 00 3 00 2 00 1 00 2 00 1 00 2 00 2 00 1 00 2 00 2	123 65  1 00  131 28  175 00  131 28  175 00  112 00  3 60  123 65  1 00  212 37  9 00  24 00	\$6 00
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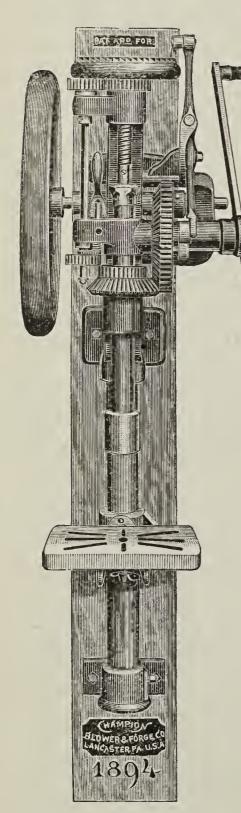
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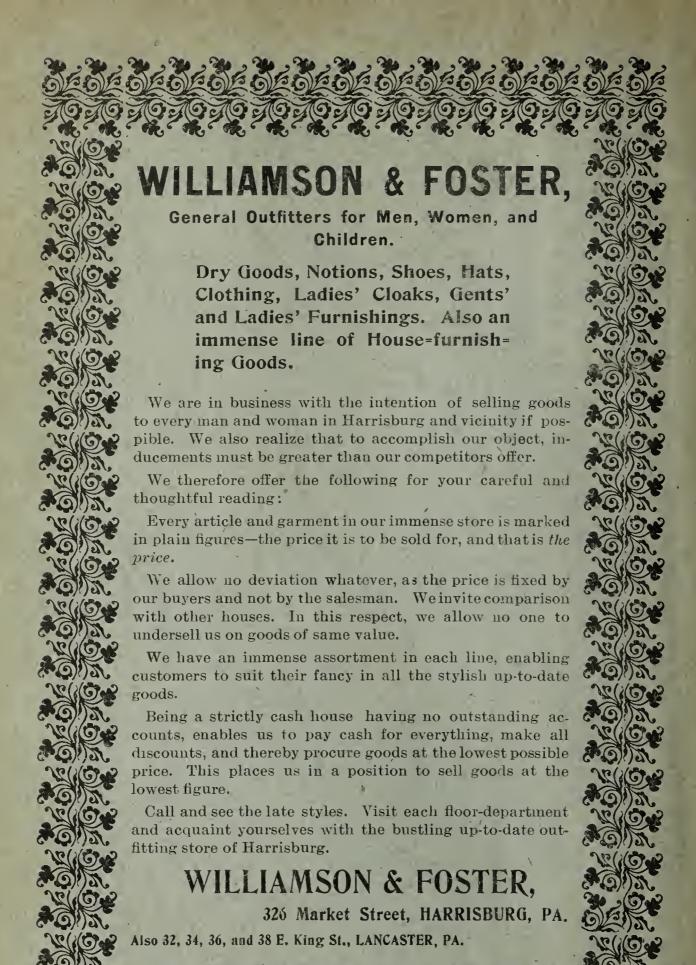
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